

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-V-103  
District 23  
Map 35  
Parcel 53  
MAGI # 2212475935

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**Hidden Spring Farm**

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

**Rockdale Road**

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF **Clear Spring**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**6**

STATE

**Maryland**

COUNTY

**Washington**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

**Lewis Renner**

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

**Route # 1, Box 217**

CITY, TOWN

**Clear Spring**

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**Maryland 21722**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

**Washington County Court House**

Liber #: **231**

Folio #: **499**

STREET & NUMBER

**West Washington Street**

CITY, TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

**Maryland 21740**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD      ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR      ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED **50%**

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm has a two story, three bay log house constructed directly over a spring of water. A two story porch extends across the entire front elevation. The house is covered with asbestos shingle siding and has a modern one story frame addition attached to one end. A brick chimney extends from the interior of the house near its center and modern brick flue is built against an end wall. Windows have six over six pane sashes. Window and door architraves and other interior and exterior finishes date from the 20th century. The complex also includes a large frame bank barn and a series of frame chicken houses.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although most of the architectural features in this complex would appear to date from the early 20th century, the log structure of the main part of the house may actually be much older. It follows the three room central chimney Germanic floor plan and has a spring located in its basement. Both of these traditions are linked with the late 18th and early 19th century architecture in Washington County. According to tradition this house is supposed to have been a secondary dwelling on a large manor.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 134 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE	COUNTY
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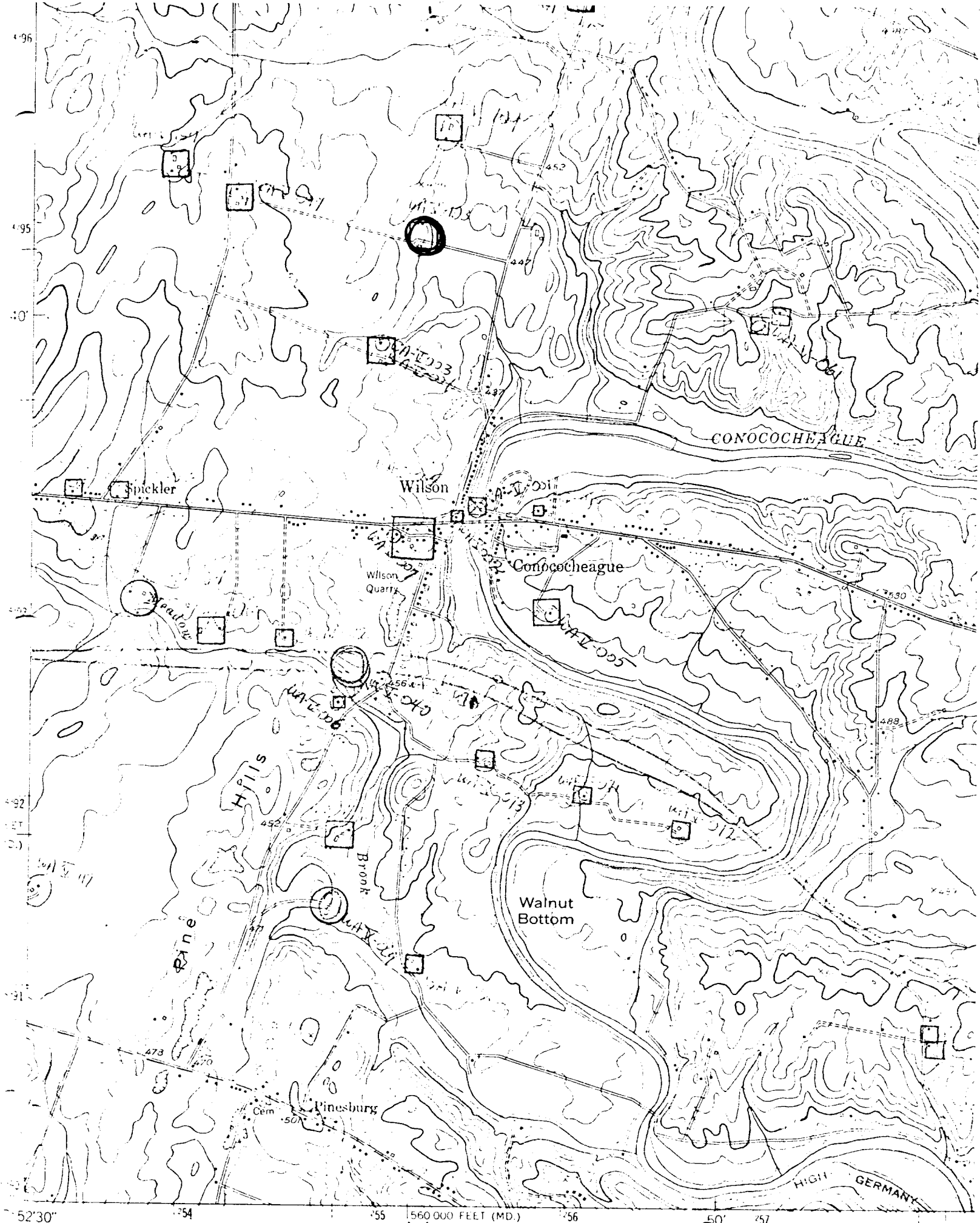
**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	DATE
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STREET & NUMBER	STATE
<b>109 West Main Street, Box 20Z</b>	<b>Maryland 21782</b>
CITY OR TOWN	
<b>Sharpsburg</b>	

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



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Mason Dixon Quarry

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**Hidden Spring Farm**

**Rockdale Road**

**Rockdale Vicinity**

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S.E

Dec 1976

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COMMISSIONER WASHINGTON CO  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY





104-U-103

Sheds S.C.

Dec. 1916

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**Rockdale Road**

**Rockdale Vicinity**

WILLIAM W. DICKER  
GEORGETOWN WASHINGTON D.C.  
NATIONAL BUREAU OF SURVEY



WA-V-103  
Barn E  
Dec. 1916

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